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Meeting Location

We meet at The Children's Museum of Richmond which is at 2626 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23220. The meeting is at 7:00pm, the second Wednesday of each month.

November Theme

This month's theme recognizes that Thanksgiving Day dinner presents performance opportunities at the table in a home or a restaurant. Performance planning requires considering when effects might be presented, position and movement limits, sight lines, and arrangement of the performance area (such as a center piece). Many items might be used in the performance for our theme of "Dinner Table Magic"!

Notifications

Art 6 in Richmond is a performance opportunity for our club the First Friday of each new month.

November 16th is a performance opportunity at Crossroads Art Center from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. 2016 Staples Mill Road. This event repeats on the 3rd Friday of odd numbered months.

On November 17, Peter Pitchford will be lecturing for us. The lecture will be at 7:30 PM at Divine Magic & Novelties, 5409 Lakeside Ave., Richmond, VA 23228.

What You Missed In October

We welcome a new member to the club, Brandon Baggett! We're happy to have you as a new member!

Bill Baber presented a Halloween effect for our theme "Magic For The Halloween Season", he called, "Witch among the Pumpkins," by Rachel Colombini. Bill arranged four jack-o-lantern cards and a witch card face down and called it a prediction. A spectator, Barry Mills secretly arranged his set of cards, and then moved them according to instructions. When the two arrangements were revealed, they matched.



The second effect, "Sorcerer's Stone," also by Rachel Colombini, was presented with a lowland Scots prayer for protection. A spectator, Mike Kinnaird, arranged five stones, unseen by Bill. Mike mentally selected one, then moved the stones around, and removed them according to instructions. In the end one stone remained, the sorcerer's stone, which matched the mentally selected stone, and guaranteed protection from the fearsome creatures mentioned in the prayer.

Zach Gartrell presented a visual effect whereby a picture of a bearded man was selected from a group of hand drawn sketches. Each sketch depicted a unique beard on a man. The selected picture was held up for the audience to see and when lowered, Zach was wearing the selected beard.



Mike Kinnaird performed Wayne Houchin's "Houdini's Influence" assisted by Amy K. Duck and Watt Hyer. He explained that this was Houdini's last performed magic trick before he died. Amy moved her finger over the photos of the cards to select one, then Mike had Watt open the prediction and it stated that a woman would pick that photo on that date.





Joe Duck keeping in the spirit of Halloween, presented his routine using Mickey Hades "Finger Chopper" assisted by our newest member Brandon Baggett. It is completely examinable before and after the effect and his routine comes complete with a newspaper clipping headlined "Magician Slips, Boy Loses Finger", a dead finger and a finger blindfold.

John Reese presented a spooky spider card trick, "The Web by Jim Pace. Using Amy K, Duck as his assistant, John talked about how spiders constantly spin cobwebs and no matter how many times you clean up the cobwebs, they just keep making more. As Amy swept her hand one final time over the cards to remove the webs, a spider appeared on her hand.



Watt Hyer presented to the club an awesome handmade, spring loaded critter box. Inside the box, we were told, was a very unusual critter. When Watt opened the lid, with Barry Mills as his accomplice, a black, hairy thing with eyes flew out across the table. It was quite ingenious! Watt also demonstrated his finger chopper and routine assisted by Barry Mills.



Lou Dean did a show and Tell on his method of applying roughing fluid to help accommodate the separation of roughed cards for effects such as "Brainwave" and "Invisible Deck".



*Have a Safe, Happy and Magical
Thanksgiving Holiday!*

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